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1. AS INSTRUCTED REF DEPTTEL, EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR AND
FIN OFF MET WITH LIC. ABEL GARRIDO, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
TREASURY, AND EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN RE IMPLICATIONS OF
CECLA STATEMENT AND POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS BY LA'S DURING COURSE
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TOKYO MEETING MODIFY DECLARATION NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA,

OR OTHERWISE TO ADOPT NEGATIVE POSITIONS. AFTER CONVEYING THESE VIEWS AS OUTLINED REF DEPTTEL, ECON COUNSELOR INQUIRED ABOUT GOM POSITION.

2. GARRIDO REPLIED THAT THE MEXICAN DELEGATION HAD NO REPEAT NO INTENTION OF MANEUVERING IN AN UNREALISTIC AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE WAY DURING COURSE TOKYO SESSIONS. GOM RECOGNIZES GENEVA DECLARATION AS A NEGOTIATED DOCUMENT (ALTHOUGH AS IS WELL KNOWN THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS WHICH MEXICO WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN INCLUDED IN IT). MEXICAN VIEW VERY LARGELY SHARED BY BRAZILIANS AND ARGENTINA BUT OF COURSE IS NOT SHARED BY CHILE OR PERU. THERE IS ALSO SOME EVIDENCE THAT URUGUAY AND TO SOME EXTENT THE DOMREP ARE SYMPATHETIC IN CERTAIN RESPECTS TO CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN VIEWS, GARRIDO REPORTED, BUT DID NOT GIVE DETAILS.

3. GARRIDO SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN TOKYO WOULD DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. DELEGATION, AMONG LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR MEXICO TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SOME OF ITEMS IN CECLA DECLARATION HE CHARACTERIZED AS UNREALISTIC, SUCH AS PROVISION CALLING FOR MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR.

4. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR AT LEAST ONE OF POINTS IN CECLA DECLARATION TO BE INCLUDED IN TOKYO DECLARATION. WHEN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RAISED PROBLEM OF REOPENING COMPROMISE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA, GARRIDO SAID THAT PERHAPS NEW GUIDELINES FOR TNC COULD INCLUDE SOME OF CECLA POINTS.

5. GARRIDO MAINTAINED THAT MEXICO HAD LIVED UP TO ITS IMPLICIT COMMITMENT DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB. EBERLE TO FOLLOW CONSTRUCTIVE COURSE IN CECLA MEETING.

6. WHILE STRESSING THAT SOME ISOLATED TROUBLE FROM SUCH DELS AS CHILE AND PERU CAN BE EXPECTED, GARRIDO ADVISED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBOFFS "NOT TO WORRY ABOUT TOKYO, AT LEAST NOT TOO MUCH" AS MANY LA PARTICIPANTS--CERTAINLY MEXICO AND ALMOST CERTAINLY BRAZIL--WOULD OPERATE WITHIN PROPER PROCEDURES IN MAKING THEIR POINTS. MEXDEL, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL MAKE IT CLEAR IN APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT IT HAS SOME PROBLEMS WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION, AND HOPES THAT GREATER CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN LDC VIEWS AT FUTURE SESSIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT WE MUST EXPECT

DELEGATIONS FROM SOME COUNTRIES TO MAKE POLITICAL PRO-
NOUNCEMENTS INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION BACK HOME.
HE NOTED THAT MEXICO COULD AND WOULD DO LITTLE TO DISCOURAGE ANY
DRAMATIC PRONOUNCEMENTS BY OTHER LA'S.

7. GARRIDO ADDED THAT BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND MEXICO HAD
FACED DIFFICULT BATTLE IN CECLA TO MAINTAIN POSITION
OUTLINED PARA 2 ABOVE. CHILE AND PERU HAD AT FIRST
INSISTED THAT A STRONG DOCUMENT BE APPROVED BY CECLA
CONDEMNING GENEVA DECLARATION, AND THAT THIS DOCUMENT
BE READ OUT AT TOKYO MEETING. WHEN THIS EFFORT FAILED,
THANKS TO MEXICAN AND BRAZILIAN EFFORTS, AN ATTEMPT WAS
MADE TO PRESENT STRONGLY-WORDED DOCUMENT TO GATT DIRGEN
IN NAME OF ALL CECLA MEMBERS. THIS TOO WAS DEFEATED. THEN
FINAL EFFORT WAS MADE BY CHILE TO ASSIGN LDC-FAVORED POINTS,
ONE OR MORE TO EACH CECLA COUNTRY DEL TO PUSH FOR AT TOKYO
MEETING. THIS MOVE WAS DEFEATED, LEAVING EACH CECLA COUNTRY
FREE TO FOLLOW ITS OWN POLICY LINE AT TOKYO.

8. GARRIDO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT (AS REPORTED EARLIER)
HE WOULD BE IN TOKYO A FEW DAYS BEFORE MEETING, AND ADDED
THAT HE WOULD BE STAYING AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, AND WOULD
BE MOST HAPPY TO SPEAK WITH AMB MALMGREN OR OTHER MEMBERS
USDEL IN DAYS BEFORE MEETING. HE INFORMED US THAT A LA
CAUCUS WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 11, AND
REITERATED THAT MEXICO'S POSITION THERE WILL BE TO
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AS A NEGOTIATED DOCUMENT THE GENEVA
DECLARATION.
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